

## **August 2011 Overview**

### **Shasta-Trinity Backcountry Trail Crew**

**Dave Weaver: Supervisor**

#### **ALPS LOG AUGUST 2011:**

August 4 Thursday: The crew packed away camp provisions and proceeded to annihilate an 18-mile logout/camp move (Boulder Creek – Siligo Meadows).

August 6 Saturday: Upon arrival, the crew found the provisions ½ mile away and 1,000 vertical feet down from the planned campsite where the stock animals had been turned away by a wall of ice. Mini crisis mode.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> Monday: Crew picks through the wall of ice with hand tools then humps provision loads over Bee Tree Gap to Siligo Meadows on our backs adapting and adjusting as a seasoned crew would. Crisis handled.

August 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: Crew finally brushes Long Canyon (actual name not description) in preparation for VIP trip including Dave Muraki, Karlson Hubbard (CCC), Alan Hill (Backcountry Horsemen), Mike McFadin and Jan Sorchty (USFS) among others.

August 15-17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday-Thursday: Crew hosts VIPs and shows the value of having CCC crews in the wilderness, demonstrating trail work for them as we blazed a 1,200' re-route through a talus field above Siligo Meadows using primarily human strength and leverage to move boulders the size of your car.

August 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Crew celebrates days of birth of crew members John Kenkel (Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>) and Matt Haliday (Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>) with game of Coyote and Rabbit and eating delicious cheesecake [prepared by our cook Amber Moore.

General: Crew has covered a 15-mile radius on weekends exploring the likes of Mirror Lake, Sapphire Lake, Emerald Lake, Summit lake, Luella Lake, Echo Lake, Mumford Lake, Black Mountain, Snowslide Peak, Tri Forest Peak, Horseshoe Lake, Ward Lake, Lake Anna, Stonewall Pass with a plaque for the late Peter Lewis, and Siligo Peak with a plaque for some guy's dog Max (Maximus Bitimus). Apparently theirs is no greater friend.

All Things Considered: Crew has gelled together and is enjoying the fruits of the personal struggles earlier on. We have learned that true community is not utopia and that forgiveness, consideration of others, consciousness of the big picture, and not ignoring or evading turmoil but recognizing and tackling it are key to having perpetual healthy relationships... End Transmission